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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: SATO SUFFERS STROKE

1. FORMER PRIME MINISTER EISAKU SATO CONTINUES TO BE GRAVELY ILL AS OF 6:00 P.M., MAY 20. SINCE SUFFERING MASSIVE STROKE (CEREBRAL THROMBOSIS OR HEMORRHAGE) AT 6:20 P.M. MAY 19, SATO HAS BEEN IN DEEP COMA WITH SIGNS OF STEADY DETERIORATION IN HIS CONDITION. PHYSICIANS ARE UNABLE TO REMOVE HIM FROM SHINKIRAKU TEAHOUSE, WHERE HE WAS STRICKEN, TO NEARBY HOSPITAL.

2. HIS WIFE, TWO SONS, AND HIS BROTHER, FORMER PRIME MINISTER KISHI, HAVE BEEN IN CONSTANT ATTENDANCE. PRIME MINISTER MIKI, FORMER PRIME MINISTER TANAKA, AND OTHER TOP GOJ AND LDP LEADERS CAME TO CALL FROM EARLY MORNING, THUS UNDERSCORING GRAVITY OF HIS CONDITION AND POOR PROSPECTS FOR RECOVERY.

2. "ASAHI EVENING NEWS" MAY 20 FRONT PAGED DEPARTMENT SPOKES-
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MAN'S STATEMENT CONCERNING OUR DISTRESS AND HOPE FOR SPEEDY

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